

Marked-Up version of Claims 5 and 9 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)

5. (Amended) An illuminated tap handle comprising:
- a handle portion with a detachable [detachabl] bottom end and a hollow portion inside [insid] the handle that opens up to the detachable bottom end;
 - a light source coupled to the handle portion;
 - a conducting portion coupled to the detachable bottom end;
 - an energy source removeably connectable to the light source and removable from the handle portion;
 - a conducting strip with a first end and a second end;
 - the first end of the conducting strip coupled to the light source;
 - the conducting portion capable of touching the second end of the conducting strip and the energy source when the detachable bottom end is attached to the handle portion; and
 - the detachable bottom end is capable of being secured to a tap.
9. (Amended) An illuminated tap handle comprising:
- a handle portion with a detachable top end and a hollow portion inside the handle that opens up to the detachable top end;
 - a light source coupled to the handle portion;
 - a conducting portion coupled to the detachable end;
 - an energy source removeably connectable to the [th] light source and removable from the handle portion;
 - a flexible conducting strip with a first end and a second end;
 - the first end of the flexible conducting strip coupled to the light source;
 - the second end of the flexible conducting strip situated between the detachable end and the energy source;
 - the detachable top end capable of pressing the flexible conducting strip onto the energy source when it is attached to the handle; and
 - the handle portion capable of being secured to a tap.

Marked-Up version of first paragraph on page 5 under the "Detailed Description of the Drawings" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(iii)

"The claimed invention is illustrated in Figures 1 and 2. In Figure 1, the invention comprises a tap handle portion (1) that has a hollow portion (2) inside to allow for the insertion of a portable energy source and circuitry elements. The handle portion can be of any size, color, decoration, shape, or brand logo or trademark so long as it is capable of connecting to a tap. For example a tap handle could be beveled, decorated with an appropriate trade name, formed to imitate a certain characteristic of the beverage manufacturer, or imbued with any kind of color. Additionally, the handle portion could be constructed from any kind of materials such as Lucite, plastic, glass or any other material preferably ones that allow for the transmission of light. Since this invention is intended primarily as a "freebie" marketing tool, a hard plastic or other inexpensive translucent material is preferred. On the top end of the tap handle is a detachable end (3) that can be removed to allow a portable power source, such as a disposable battery, to be inserted or removed into the handle portion. One means for making the end detachable is through the use of threading (4) on the detachable end enabling it to be threaded onto the handle portion (1). [(1)] In Figure 1, the detachable end is threaded (4) and fits into a threadable end on the tap handle (5). [(5)] Contained within the handle portion is a circuit completed by a removable energy source (6), [(6)] a lighting element (7), [(7)] a conducting portion (8) on the detachable end, and a conducting strip (9). The energy source is capable of connecting either directly to the lighting element or indirectly through the use of an intermediate conductor (10) when it is placed into the handle portion. The lighting element is coupled to the conducting strip. The conducting strip (9) in Figure 1 is a thin piece of metal capable of acting as a conductor and capable of touching the conducting portion when the conducting portion on the detachable end is threaded onto the handle. In this embodiment, the conducting strip is coupled to the lighting element near the base of the lighting element although it is not limited to the base."

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"In a further modification to the invention as shown in Figure 2, the bottom of the tap handle (11) is detachable and the conducting portion 8 [(6)] is inside the detachable portion of the bottom end. The detachable bottom end is a hollow cone with threading on the outside (12) and on the inside (13). [(13)] The outside threading allows it to be threaded onto the tap spigot and the inside threading allows it to be threaded onto the bottom of the tap handle, which is also threaded. In this embodiment the conducting portion is placed inside the hollow of the detachable portion of the bottom so that once it is threaded onto the handle it is inserted up into the inside of the handle making it capable of touching both the conducting strip and the energy source and completing the circuit. All the other elements of the handle can remain similarly situated as in Figure 2, albeit upside down in the handle. Once the detachable end is partially or completely unthreaded, the circuit is broken and illumination ceases. In any embodiment where the detachable end is on the bottom of the handle, the hollow of the handle that allows for the placement of the removable energy source must be narrow enough such that when the energy source is inserted it is held in place upside down by the close-fitting of the sides of the hollow portion surrounding the energy source. Or, a flexible material portion could be situated on the inside of the hollow of the handle [handl] that would press against the energy source and keep it from falling out of the handle when it is turned upside down."